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1. MISSION SHOULD NOTE IN POLADS THAT THE FAILURE TO
MAKE NOTIFICATION OF THE JOINT HUNGARIAN/SOVIET EXERCISE
IN EARLY FEBRUARY BROKE THE HUNGARIAN PATTERN OF NO-
NOTICE/SHORT-NOTICE NOTIFICATIONS. HUNGARIAN EXERCISES
IN APRIL AND OCTOBER 1976 WERE THE SUBJECTS OF "VOLUNTARY"
NOTIFICATIONS - THE ONLY SUCH NOTIFICATIONS OF MANEUVERS

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UNDER 25,000 TROOPS BY A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT. THE
USSR MAY HAVE "DISCIPLINED" THE HUNGARIANS ON NOTIFICATIONS
OF SMALLER MANEUVERS, OR THE HUNGARIANS MAY SIMPLY HAVE
DEFERRED TO THE SOVIETS, GIVEN THAT THIS WAS A JOINT
MANEUVER.

2. FYI: SHOULD THE ALLIES QUERY MISSION ON THE SIZE OF

THIS MANEUVER YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE FULL WARTIME
STRENGTHS OF THE UNITS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL WOULD TOTAL
APPROXIMATELY 24,000 TROOPS. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO
REASON TO ASSUME THAT THE SOVIET OR HUNGARIAN UNITS WERE

AT THEIR FULL COMBAT COMPLEMENT AND THE TROOP TOTAL WAS
PROBABLY WELL BELOW THE CBM THRESHOLD OF 25,000 TROOPS
BUT IN THE "SIGNIFICANT" RANGE OF 10-25,000.

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